

## LANESBOROUGH'S COMPREHENSIVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

In accordance with EPA's NPDES Phase II Stormwater Program, the Town of Lanesborough must develop, implement and enforce a program to reduce the discharge of pollutants from Lanesborough's storm sewer system to the maximum extent practicable; protect water quality; and satisfy the water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act and Massachusetts Water Quality Standards.

The program requires Lanesborough to develop and implement measurable goals that address the following six Minimum Control Measures:

1. Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts
2. Public Involvement/Participation
3. Develop and Implement an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Plan
4. Adopt Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Controls
5. Adopt Post-Construction Storm Water Management in Development and Redevelopment
6. Utilize Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

Stormwater discharges are generated by runoff from land and impervious areas such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops during rainfall and snow events that often contain pollutants in quantities that could adversely affect water quality.

Lanesborough, and all other regulated communities, must comply with the permit requirements by May 2008.

### LAND DISTURBANCE BYLAW

Minimum Control Measures 4 and 5 require adoption of the following bylaw for construction activities that disturb one acre or more.

Owner/developer is required to secure a Construction General Permit

from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which requires the development and implementation of a stormwater pollution prevention plan. This bylaw gives the Town of Lanesborough the authority to approve, monitor, and enforce the conditions of the stormwater pollution prevention plan.

The Town of Lanesborough can require the owner/developer to develop long-term operation and maintenance plans for the storm sewer system which may include compensation for ongoing maintenance provided by municipal highway staff.

The Board of Selectmen is the Special Permit Granting Authority. This bylaw authorizes the Selectboard to designate an agent or agents and requires review and input from the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, and Highway Department. All have experience in the operation and maintenance of stormwater best management practices and an obligation to protect local water quality.

## ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION BYLAW

Minimum Control Measure 3 requires the Town of Lanesborough to adopt local regulations prohibiting non-stormwater discharges, including illegal dumping, into Lanesborough's storm sewer system.

An illicit discharge is any discharge to a municipal separate storm sewer that is not composed entirely of stormwater.

Lanesborough's bylaw identifies allowable non-stormwater discharges. The Board of Selectmen is the permitting authority and can permit discharges that are not specifically prohibited by federal or state regulations.

Partial list of pollutants (40 CFR 122.2) includes: dredged soil, solid waste, sewage, garbage, chemical wastes, and biological materials, industrial or municipal waste.

